

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

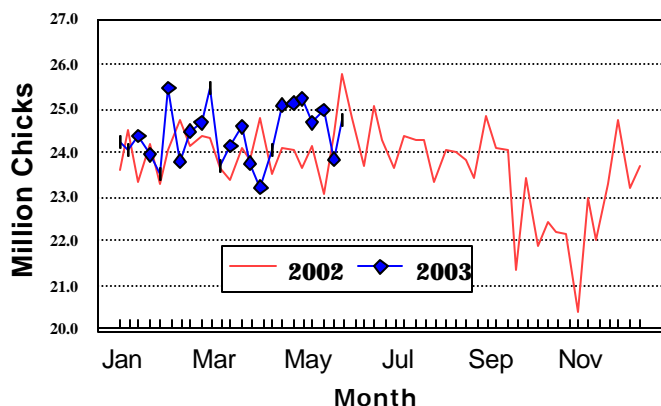
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.7 million during the week ending June 7, 2003. Placements were down 4 percent from comparable week in 2002, but up 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 7, 2003 were 561.4 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, down fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.8 percent.

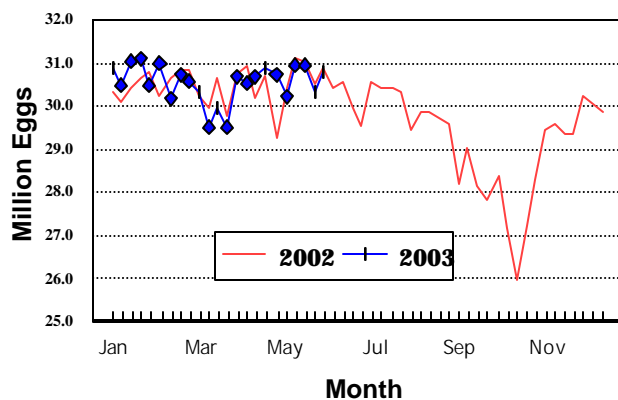
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 7, 2003, down slightly from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
May 3	24,077	25,120	104	25,694	25,470	99	29,253	30,764	105
May 10	23,651	25,204	107	25,216	25,441	101	30,436	30,235	99
May 17	24,175	24,690	102	25,713	25,804	100	31,108	30,945	99
May 24	23,111	24,987	108	24,415	25,656	105	31,069	30,963	100
May 31	24,442	23,863	98	25,320	25,136	99	30,531	30,302	99
Jun. 7	25,785	24,744	96	25,986	25,944	100	30,870	30,797	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	17-May	24-May	31-May	07-Jun		03-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	07-Jun	
Alabama	28,859 *	28,903	29,179	29,247	99	21,936	21,208	21,681	21,899	21,477	21,747	99
ARKANSAS	30,945 *	30,963	30,302	30,797	100	25,120	25,204	24,690	24,987	23,863 *	24,744	96
Delaware	3,672	3,892	3,752	3,761	111	5,821	5,298	5,085	4,848	4,301 *	4,942	88
Florida	1,529	1,329	1,325	1,329	56	1,975	1,859	1,899	1,749	1,774	1,450	63
Georgia	32,804 *	32,467	32,684	32,625	100	26,357	24,673	24,720 *	25,506 *	25,507 *	25,942	99
Kentucky	6,558 *	6,032	6,534 *	6,546	100	5,164	5,654	5,341	5,638	5,049 *	5,904	114
Maryland	9,705	9,774	9,737 *	9,790	99	5,744	6,278	6,158	6,380	7,135 *	6,703	114
Mississippi	19,380	19,624	19,624	19,637	102	16,217	16,277	16,014	16,506	16,036	16,655	103
N. Carolina	19,107 *	18,924	18,759	19,272	97	15,077	15,184	15,019	15,110	15,140	14,834	93
Oklahoma	6,508	6,557	6,452	6,633	97	4,181	4,394	5,105	4,658	4,303	5,314	110
Pennsylvania	3,605	4,010 *	4,029 *	3,839	96	2,691	2,677	2,639	2,676	2,821 *	2,688	100
S. Carolina	4,979	4,989	4,845	5,006	106	3,424	4,282	4,245	3,852	4,388	4,544	130
Texas	15,058 *	15,069 *	15,068 *	14,920	98	12,586	12,642 *	12,570 *	12,560 *	12,552 *	12,503	103
Virginia	6,621	6,620	6,617	6,617	104	5,849	5,945	5,693	5,309	5,165 *	5,055	88
CALAMO,IN,WV	20,788	21,340	21,203 *	21,356	104	19,664	18,794	19,731 *	19,725	20,044 *	18,620	93
Total 2003	210,118 *	210,493 *	210,110 *	211,375		171,806	170,369 *	170,590 *	171,403 *	169,555 *	171,645	
Total 2002	213,431	213,027	212,345	212,336		172,635	172,081	171,004	171,336	172,385	174,118	
% Prev. Year	98	99	99	100		100	99	100	100	98	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 211 million eggs during the week ending June 7, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 7, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 7, 2003 were 3.85 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.